

within the CAA were determined to be adequate to reduce that risk, then EPA would propose an approach that would assure that risk reductions would occur. The EPA believes that the regulatory approach embodied in the CAA is adequate for maintaining the goal of protecting the public and environment's health, and, therefore, is not proposing any legislative changes.

The EPA is requesting comment on this draft RTC with a special emphasis on the sections discussed above, i.e., the public health significance, technologically and commercially available methods and costs, the actual health effects, the background concentration, and the negative health or environmental consequences sections.

Peer Review

The EPA is fully committed to environmental protection that is founded on sound and credible science. Objective, independent peer review of the scientific and technical bases of the Agency's actions is critical to accomplishing the Agency's mission. The Agency's commitment to credible, effective peer review is stated in the Peer Review Policy of June 7, 1994. Full implementation of that policy remains an Agency priority.

Most of the major references that form the foundation of this RTC have undergone (or are currently undergoing) external peer review. In addition, EPA intends to have this RTC peer reviewed during the public comment period because it outlines specific applications for the methods and policies contained in these references. For example, the EPA believes that it is necessary to obtain an independent evaluation of questions, such as whether the RTC identifies the most relevant and useful methods of assessing risks from stationary sources and whether it properly characterizes the types of data on which these methods rely. The results of this peer review will be incorporated into the final RTC.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Transfer of Confidential Business Information to Contractors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of transfer of data and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EPA will transfer Confidential Business Information (CBI) to its contractor, Research Triangle Institute and its subcontractors: DPRA, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc. and HydroGeoLogic, Inc. that has been or will be submitted to EPA under Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Under RCRA, EPA is involved in activities to support, expand and implement solid and hazardous waste regulations.

DATES: Transfer of confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments should be identified as "Transfer of Confidential Data."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-7909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Transfer of Confidential Business Information

Under EPA Contract 68-W-98-085 Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, will assist the Office of Solid Waste, Economics, Methods, and Risk Analysis Division, by providing technical and regulatory support for: Toxicological Studies; Information Gathering and Analysis; and Documentation Preparation. EPA has determined that Research Triangle Institute and its subcontractors, will need access to RCRA CBI submitted to the Office of Solid Waste to complete this work. Specifically, Research Triangle Institute and its subcontractors, need access to the CBI that EPA collects, under the authority of Section 3007 of RCRA, in Industry Studies Surveys and other studies of industries involved with waste management.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.305(h), EPA has determined that Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, require access to CBI

submitted to EPA under the authority of RCRA to perform work satisfactorily under the above-noted contract. EPA is submitting this notice to inform all submitters of CBI of EPA's intent to transfer CBI to these firms on a need-to-know basis. Upon completing its review of materials submitted, Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, will return all CBI to EPA.

EPA will authorize Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, for access to CBI under the conditions and terms in EPA's "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual." Prior to transferring CBI to Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, EPA will review and approve its security plans and Research Triangle Institute, and its subcontractors, will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Matt Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6000-3]

Transfer of Confidential Business Information to Contractors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of transfer of data and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will transfer Confidential Business Information (CBI) to its contractor, Hazmed and its subcontractors: Eastern Research Group, Inc.; ICF, Inc.; Energetics Inc.; and Project Performance, Corp. that has been or will be submitted to EPA under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Under RCRA, EPA is involved in activities to support, expand and implement solid and hazardous waste regulations.

DATES: Transfer of confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments should be identified as "Transfer of Confidential Data."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Magbie, Document Control